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Title: METHOD OF PLAYING MULTIMEDIA DATA

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. A method of playing multimedia frames as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the scheduling step (SCH) is adapted to control the execution of the video decoding step (DEC) by stopping the decoding at a given video frame and resuming it at a following video frame as a function of the target time.
5. A method of playing multimedia frames as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the scheduling step (SCH) is adapted to control the execution of the audio decoding and rendering step (DR) by skipping the audio decoding at a given audio frame and resuming it at a following audio frame as a function of the target time.

7. A computer program product for a set-top-box comprising a set of instructions which, when loaded into said set top box, causes the set-top-box to carry out the method as claimed in claim 1.

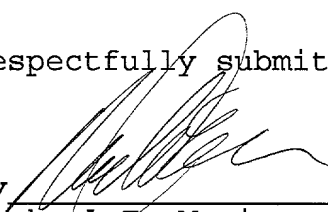
8. A computer program product for a computer comprising a set of instructions which, when loaded into said computer, causes the computer to carry out the method as claimed in claim 1.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to the claims was made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

3. A method of playing multimedia frames as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~ 2, characterized in that the scheduling step (SCH) is adapted to control the execution of the video decoding step (DEC) by stopping the decoding at a given video frame and resuming it at a following video frame as a function of the target time.

5. A method of playing multimedia frames as claimed in claim 1-~~or~~ 3, characterized in that the scheduling step (SCH) is adapted to control the execution of the audio decoding and rendering step (DR) by skipping the audio decoding at a given audio frame and resuming it at a following audio frame as a function of the target time.

7. A computer program product for a set-top-box comprising a set of instructions which, when loaded into said set top box, causes the set-top-box to carry out the method as claimed in ~~claims 1 to 6~~claim 1.

8. A computer program product for a computer comprising a set of instructions which, when loaded into said computer, causes the computer to carry out the method as claimed in ~~claims 1 to 6~~claim 1.